

CITY OF BROCKTON BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH) MEETING NOTICE THURSDAY, APRIL 7th, 2022 AT 4:30 PM. This public hearing will be held as a virtual meeting over ZOOM.

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This meeting is being held in accordance with Governor Charlie Baker’s signed Open Meeting Law dated March 12, 2020, which relieves a public body from the requirement of Section 20 of Chapter 30A that it conduct its meetings in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, provided that the public body makes provision to ensure public access to the deliberations of the public body for interested members of the public through adequate, alternative means.

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AGENDA

I-Welcome/Introduction of Dr. Mary Brophy, Board Chairperson

II- There was NO quorum for the meeting on March 3rd. Therefore, no Minutes for that month. The Minutes for the February Board meeting are available for Board approval.....

III-The latest Statistical Data on COVID-19 cases for Brockton, and on vaccination updates, the percent of the population being vaccinated.

IV-COVID-19 Dashboard (cases), Current & at the close of the month of March:

Current (as of 4/4/22): Daily, N=4; Active, N=60; Cumulative, N=29,115; Deaths, N=491

March: (as of 3/1/22): Daily, N=8; Active, N=67; Cumulative, N=28,981; Deaths, N=546** ...

V- Dashboard on COVID-19: the current statistics on the pandemic Brockton is showing a significant drop! In Brockton currently, our daily average of COVID-19 cases (as of 02/28/22), is 53.4 per 100,000 (compared to 136.0 per 100,000 by the beginning of February)!

Vaccination update (eligible population, 5 Y.O and older) is 69.3% with either 1, or 2 doses or J&J. The percent of Brockton residents that are “Up-To-Date” with their vaccine is 31.5%, a 2.9% increase from March 3rd (it was: 28.6%). **A brief comparison in vaccination stats (ONLY) at the Shaw’s Center: for the month of December, 10,368 doses of vaccine were administered, in January, the total doses administered were 3,457, in February, the total doses equalled: 1,213, and in March, the total was 394.** Drop in vaccination. Some of the reasons include but not limited to: 1)- Rush to get vaccinated for the holiday, 2)-other vaccination sites available in surrounding neighborhoods, 3)-Distribution of Home Self Test Kits. There are no mandates for people to report their COVID positive test results to the DPM or LBOH. We are generating an educational/ tracking form to hand out to individuals at the time that they receive their Home Test Kits so they may not only learn how to best utilize the test kits but also to report their positive results to LBOH, if they so choose to.

VI- Changes in Vaccination and testing modality: as of March 31st, the new schedule for vaccination includes: Tuesdays, 2:00 to 7:00 PM (with the Public Health Nurses), and on

Saturdays, from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM (with Brewster's Ambulance. First and second doses are also available for ALL three (3) vaccines: Pfizer, Moderna and J&J. Similarly, 1st and 2nd Boosters are also available. BOH continues to vaccinate at the Cape Verdean Association (575 N. Montello St.) every Thursday, from 2:00 to 6:00 PM. We add another vax site, and that is Massasoit Community College, and BOH Nurses are there about 2 Fridays per month. Testing Sites for COVID-19 are NO longer available at MCC & the Shaw's.

VIRAL LOAD (Concentration): Brockton now has access to COVID-19 data from sewer wastewater samples that shows the concentration or the viral load in the City.

VII- BOH redeploying staff for Case Investigation and Contact Tracing: We are expanding these resources to address other Public Health needs that exist in the City of Brockton. The \$1 million grant (\$500,000 per year) for 2 years, BOH is using it to focus on a more holistic approach to seek after better health and wellbeing of the residents of Brockton. We hired one Epidemiologist and three (3) Community Health Workers/Contact Tracers. We plan on hiring one Epidemiologist and one CI/CT (Case Investigators/Contact Tracers). We do have 2 finalists, and we submitted their name and their resume to the Mayor for his review. Once he moves to give us his suggestions, we will extend a job offer to one of the candidates

VIII- New Name/New Face for BOH: As stated before, I was summoned to appear before the City Council to respond to inquiries on changing the Board of Health to "Health Department". Seemingly, the work is in progress, but I do not have the specific... Members of the Board did ask me to invite the Mayor to the month of February's meeting. As reflected in the Minutes, the Mayor sent Mr. Messia, Director of Constituents at the Mayor's Office

IX- A- Health Promotion & Public Health Education: MDPH has provided tremendous support throughout the pandemic. We continue to partner with various stakeholders around the City: community organization like Cape Verdean Organization, the School Department, Clergy groups, with different media outlets, Brockton Housing Authority, etc.

X-As the Director of Public Health for the City and a Newly appointed member on the Department of Mental Health's Statewide Advisory Council, I'd like to promote and implement the integration of the Mental Health aspect of needs with the Public Health Standards of Care in the City of Brockton.

XI- Miscellaneous: Resumption of In-person Board meeting.....

XII- Our Next Board Meeting: Thursday, May 5, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Eno Mondesir, Executive Health Officer BOH, City of Brockton

****NB:** In March, DPH has redefined the protocol for people who of COVID-19. The cause of death for people who died over 90 days after having COVID-19 are excluded in these data. Instead DPH new definition ONLY include individuals who died within 60 after having COVID-19.